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Chairman Michael K. Powell
Attn: Office of the Secretary
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20554

Re: ET Docket No. 00-258

Dear Chairman Powell:

I am writing today to express our deep concern over the future of the Instructional Television Fixed Service (ITFS) spectrum. As you know, the ITFS spectrum has been targeted as a possible location for the development of 3rd Generation Cellular Service. I urge you to avoid relocation. As the FCC clearly noted in the Final Report released on March 30, 2001, the ITFS system is a constantly evolving system that could only be moved at the significant expense of the incumbent users.

We are planning to use the ITFS system to enhance our every day curriculum instruction. We are experiencing a shortage of key instructional staff in Colorado. We intend to use ITFS to provide Physics and Advanced Physics instruction at each of our three high schools using a single instructor at a central location. We are working with adjoining education agencies to offer cost effective instruction to schools with limited resources.

Success with Physics instruction via ITFS is the first step in our creation of a program that disseminates special programs offered by District 6 in the following areas:

- Advanced Placement
- International Baccalaureate
- Agriculture
- Health Sciences

Loss of spectrum space will prevent us from achieving instructional goals for our students.

However, while 3G continues to threaten the future of the ITFS spectrum, it is in essence threatening quality education for many of America's children. I urge that as the Commission searches for a location for the development of 3G services that it not come at the expense of the students in our schools.

Thank you very much for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Edward L. Gilbreath